

MINUTES OF THE ORNCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Skype)
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Present: Gary Baran, Steve Blechman, Sally Marie, Gray Moen, Judy Rintoul, Chris Riehle

The meeting began at 3:05 pm with a check in.

Review of action items from January 15, 2012 meeting

1. Gary will follow up with Chris regarding the latter's Skype address. *Done*
2. Steve will forward Craig's email address to other board members. *Done*
3. Chris will verify that funds are no longer being taken out of account for phone service. *Done*
4. Judy will report back about contact with OSU (at our Feb meeting). *Judy has been in contact with a representative of the Psychology Department and the Director of Psychological Services. She has heard that the Philosophy Department might (also) be interested in collaborating with ORNCC on a conference. **Judy will continue to follow up with such contacts.***
5. Chris will check inventory with Joe Mitchell, Karen Booth, and Gary Baran, so we have accurate information for financial reports. *Chris has received information from Joe and Gary and waiting to her back from Karen.*
6. Gray agreed to speak with Arnie Winkler, who has agreed to facilitate a strategic planning session for the ORNCC Board, about what foundational work he would suggest we do before we have a strategic planning session and how much time he would suggest for the session, and explore possibilities for scheduling such a session. *Done; see item 2 under New Business below*
7. Board members agreed to think about what we might want to do as an organization and to send ideas about possibilities to Gary, who will compile them into one list to be shared before the next meeting. *Done.* (See list below.)

Old business

New Business

1. Report backs by Judy and Sally from conference for nonprofit board members—Judy plans to bring up some of what she learned during our strategic planning session; both Judy and Sally thought the conference worthwhile and suggest that future board applicants attend such a conference (for example, offered by Financial Solutions). Chris and possibly Gray plan to participate in a similar conference next weekend.
2. Strategic planning session scheduled for March 25—time and location? What is suggested we do in preparation for this meeting? Gray expects we will be able to meet in a conference room at his work site in NW Portland. We agreed to meet from 10 am to 4 pm. **Gray will give Arnie Winkler's contact information to Gary so they can speak beforehand.**

3. Request from Fred Sly for donation of books to OPP—The Board agreed to give OPP a box (36) of the Nonviolent Communication Workbook, and to loan him a case (36) of Marshall’s Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life (NVC:LOL), to be repaid with books (or \$324—the wholesale price ORNCC pays for such books) within 18 months.
4. Request for books from Tim Buckley—The Board agreed to give Tim 10 NVC workbooks and 20 NVC:LOL. ***Chris agreed to order 3 boxes of the latter from PuddleDancer Press so ORNCC will have an adequate stock of these, and to contact Joe Mitchell to clarify Joe’s relationship with the Board and to let him know the Board has authorized giving books to Fred and Tim (as per above).***
5. Request for support for Steve Blechman’s project—The Board approved Steve’s request for (up to) 20 copies of NVC:LOL and 5 copies of the workbook.
6. While discussing the requests from Fred, Tim and Steve, Gary and Judy offered the following as a beginning check list for what ORNCC might want to request from those to whom we give such support (No agreement was sought about these items at this time but we may discuss this further during the upcoming strategic planning session):
 - a. A description of the project (somewhat like a grant proposal)
 - b. Clarity about where the books would go (and if they might be part of a lending library managed by some supporting institution)
 - c. Contact information at the organization they are working in (if that is how the program is set up)
 - d. Quarterly or biannual reports indicating what NVC training they have been doing and their evaluation of how the work is going
 - e. Permission to post (edited) reports on ORNCC website or use in other ways to let people know what they are doing with resources provided by ORNCC
 - f. Permission to forward their reports to potential funders
 - g. C.V. or bio (especially if the one making the request is not someone well known by members of the board)
 - h. If not a CNVC certified trainer, agreement to abide by the guidelines CNVC has for trainers who are certified: <http://www.cnvc.org/node/6832>
 - i. A specific ORNCC board member is identified as liaison between each project coordinator and the board
7. Portland newsletter—***Sally agree to contact Stephanie to thank her for her previous service and encourage her to continue producing a newsletter of the Portland/Vancouver area.***

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm

Action items are in bold face and italics above.

LIST OF ITEMS SENT BY BOARD MEMBERS (SEE ITEM 7 UNDER ACTION ITEMS ABOVE)

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1. The board discussed the desire to attract volunteers. We agreed that taking into account the needs of potential volunteers was of utmost importance. Such needs may include community, connection and contribution. Judy mentioned studies that have shown that volunteers are most likely to stick with a program when they enjoy interactions with other volunteers. As we develop programs, it may be most effective to take volunteers' needs into account from the beginning. (Sally)
2. Possibly renting a space in the Portland area for ongoing use for NVC training. (Chris)
3. I have concerns about how ORNCC responds to inquiries, requests, etc. in the absence of anyone having responsibility for day to day administration of our affairs. One possibility for dealing with at least part of this is to ask Craig to log all email messages that come to ORNCC, indicating (1) who they came from and when received, (2) email and/or other contact information, (3) topic, (4) follow up needed, (5) when completed, and other comments; and (6) to pass along this log to all Board members every couple of weeks. (Gary)